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Chalked message reaches out to campus

By Rachel Rodgers
Editor-in-Chief

Editor's Note: This is the first installment in a series of articles addressing the state of sexual assault on campus.

While passing by the Doudna Steps, the Eastern community will see the message chalked in capitalized, block letters reading: “MY RAPIST STILL GOES HERE... WILL SOMEONE PLEASE LISTEN TO ME?”

This message, scrawled in different colors on three of the eight stone steps, has prompted discussion across campus, including those involved in a women's studies special topics course.

Jeannie Ludlow, the coordinator of the Women's Studies Program and the

Women's Resource Center, co-facilitates the course “Women, Gender and Violence,” which is where she learned of the message.

“It broke my heart after seeing the words,” Ludlow said in a phone interview shortly after she had trekked through the cold to get a look at the chalked statement.

She described the message as a call for the campus to respond to an empowering gesture written by one or more possible victims of sexual assault.

Erin Walters, the executive director of the Sexual Assault Counseling and Information Service and co-facilitator of the women's studies course, said the message sounds like someone affected by sexual violence who feels invalidated.

“We know that victimization doesn't

end when the sexual assault or abuse ends,” she said. “Regardless of the process — whether through the courts, the Office of Civil Rights, the Office of Student Standards or others — it can feel invalidating.”

Sexual assault, also known as rape, is penetration to the body through the mouth, vagina or anus by force or threat of force without given consent, Walters added. Sexual abuse follows a similar definition, replacing penetration with touching or fondling without consent.

Ludlow said she thinks the message aims to get the university's attention with the possible issue of underreporting sexual assault instances.

“According to FBI statistics, 1 in 6 college-aged women will be the victim of sexual assault, and Eastern has one,

two or three reports a year,” she said. “I don't buy it.”

She proposed for the university to strive to be more welcoming, supportive and public about sexual assault allegations along with implementing a system for collecting statistics that stops minimizing the issue.

“As a community, we are not going to accept that sexual violence against women, or men, is something that just happens,” she said.

Ludlow is not alone in expressing interest to address the possible issue.

Nate Atkinson, a web developer for the Center for Academic Technology Support, made a call to action for those supporting the statement “We need to work on a campus that supports victims” to chalk their names on the

Doudna Steps at noon on Thursday, according to a letter to the editor received by The Daily Eastern News Wednesday.

The “Women, Gender and Violence” course focuses on sexual and domestic violence, incorporating content on volunteer training, which gives students the opportunity to become certified with services such as SACIS and HOPE.

President Bill Perry could not be reached for comment on the message in time of publication.

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To read the mentioned letter to the editor, see Page 4

PRIVACY | PERSONAL INFORMATION

E-number spreadsheet leaked

By Chacour Koop
Special Projects Reporter

The grade point averages of 430 students were released to 65 students about two and a half weeks ago, which is a violation of the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Robert Miller, Eastern's general counsel, has refused to comment on the violations. Sue Harvey, Eastern's registrar and FERPA officer, has not responded to multiple emails about the violations.

The spreadsheet was accidentally leaked and also included the E-number of each of the 430 students. Eastern designates E-numbers as public directory information, unless students file a petition with the university registrar.

Mike Gioia, the assistant director of Information Technology Services, was notified of the illegal release of information a day after the email was sent. He worked with the general counsel to determine if the leak was illegal because he oversees violations when they occur through electronic media.

Harvey sent a letter to affected students when the leak was determined as a violation of FERPA law.

The letter described the release of information as an “unauthorized exposure” and inadvertent.

Gioia said there is no notification of a federal office for FERPA violations. He was not sure if students could file complaints about FERPA violations.

“That usually goes through general counsel, if there's complaints filed,” Gioia said.

Additionally, William Weber, the vice president of business affairs said Miller is a better person to ask about the E-number as public directory information.

Robert Miller, general counsel for Eastern, refused to comment on FERPA violations and what the university is doing to protect the privacy of students affected.

“I do not have any comments regarding this matter,” Miller wrote in an email.

Sue Harvey has not responded to two emails with questions concerning the violations of FERPA.

Also released in the spreadsheet was the 430 student's E-numbers, which is not private information unless students request it be.

In Eastern's initial response to the illegal release of information, Patrick Ear-

ly, assistant vice president of communications, marketing and brand strategies, said E-numbers are public information.

Gioia said the E-number is a way of identifying students without their social security number.

“It has no potential of damage if someone has it,” Gioia said.

Clay Hopkins, the director of telecom services and Panther Cards, said students should not share their E-number.

“That's a unique number,” Hopkins said. “It shouldn't be shared, but of course it's not as critical as a social security number. But it shouldn't be shared.”

He said he was not aware that the E-number was public directory information. He said his department only puts the number on the Panther Card.

Weber said all faculty and staff are required to do privacy act training to help educate staff about privacy information.

Gioia said that if faculty have questions about FERPA, they should contact himself or Harvey.

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UNIVERSITY HOUSING & DINING | DINING HALL CLOSING

Pipes burst, shuts down Taylor Dining

Carnival night moved because of frozen pipe, flood

Staff Report

The Taylor Hall Dining Center closed Wednesday after a pipe burst around 2:30 p.m. in the room near the loading dock, leaking water all over the floor.

Mark Hudson, the director of University Housing and Dining Services, said there was a small opening near one of the sprinkler heads that allowed cold air to penetrate the pipe, causing it to freeze and burst.

“We will be fine, and we'll be open tomorrow, but tonight, Taylor is not going to be available,” Hudson said.

The Charleston Fire Department responded and shut off the water around 3 p.m.


The section of pipe that froze is being replaced, and a new sprinkler head will be installed before the dining center opens Thursday, Hudson added.

The repairmen will be working on the replacement for several hours, he said, adding that they are also cleaning up the water.

The Carnival Night scheduled for Wednesday will be moved to Thursday, Hudson said.


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Participants in the 2011 Mid-Winter Classic run as a snow plow follows behind closely to clear up the 8 inches of snow left from a blizzard prior to the race.

Runners prepare for winter race

By Amanda Wilkinson
City Editor

Robert Ulm gets up everyday at 4 a.m. to do one thing—run. Ulm, the Jefferson Elementary School principal, said going on a run is an important piece of his day. He said when he goes on a run, he has time to himself.

“For me, it’s more mental than physical,” Ulm said. “The physical is a bonus, but a lot of it for me is just that fix. It’s that time of day I can go out and play.”

Ulm said he will run from five to ten miles per day during the week and up to 20 miles on the weekends.

He said the distance he runs depends what he is currently training for.

Even though Ulm usually runs miles in the single digits, he really enjoys going farther.

He said he enjoys running annual ultramarathons or runs that are longer than the traditional marathon which is 26.2 miles.

Ulm has ran 100-mile races every year for seven years.

When Ulm ran the 2012 Charleston Challenge 40 Mile Relay in November, he got free admission as a door prize to the 2013 Charleston Challenge Mid-Winter Classic run.

The winter run features a 5k, 10k

and 15k run so a variety of runners can participate.

The run begins between 8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. on Feb. 2. It starts and ends at the Carl Sandburg Elementary School.

"For me, it's more mental than physical. The physical is a bonus, but a lot of it for me is just that fix."

-Robert Ulm, Jefferson Elementary School principal

Ulm said the winter run is good for him because it keeps him motivated to keep running.

“I’ll sign up for something down the road and it holds you accountable,” he said. “I’ll do that in the spring and summer just to make sure I have something out there I’m working towards.”

Diane Ratliff, the Charleston tourism and special events supervisor, said the winter run is at the time of the year when they do not know what the weather will be like.

“It’s one of those funny ones,” she said. “You never know what the weather is going to be.”

At the 2011 winter run, the runners had to run in thick snow, Ratliff said.

“Two years ago we had an 8-inch all-out blizzard during the event,” she said. “The snow plows waited until after our race started to plow because otherwise the runners would have been running on ice.”

Ulm said during runs with bad weather, he wears a lot of layers.

“You’ve heard the saying, ‘you can’t take off what you don’t have,’ he said. “If you over do it a little bit, you can adjust.

At least you’ve got that option.” He said he uses technology a lot more than he used to.

“I check the wind chill, get a feel for the weather that morning,” Ulm said.

Erin Howarth, the head Eastern cross country coach, said there are many things people can do make sure a winter run is fun.

She said runners should wear cold-specific clothing because it will hold in heat and wick out moisture. She said not to wear cotton because it breaths and holds moisture in place.

Howarth also said before a run, people could put their clothes in the dryer to warm up quicker.

“You will feel cozy and warm before going out the door to face the cold,” she said.

A good pair of spikes to put on the bottom of your shoes and other running-specific gear is helpful in snowy and icy conditions, How-

arth said.

“We lose much of our body heat from those two areas (head and hands), so spending extra money on a good hat and gloves is well worth it,” she said.

Howarth said being hydrated is the most important because people can easily forget to drink water when it’s cold out.

“Paying attention to hydration throughout the day can make your runs feel so much better,” she said. “Even being 1-2 percent dehydrated can decrease your performance by as much as 10 percent or more.”

Ulm said he also wears water-resistant socks for when it is moist out.

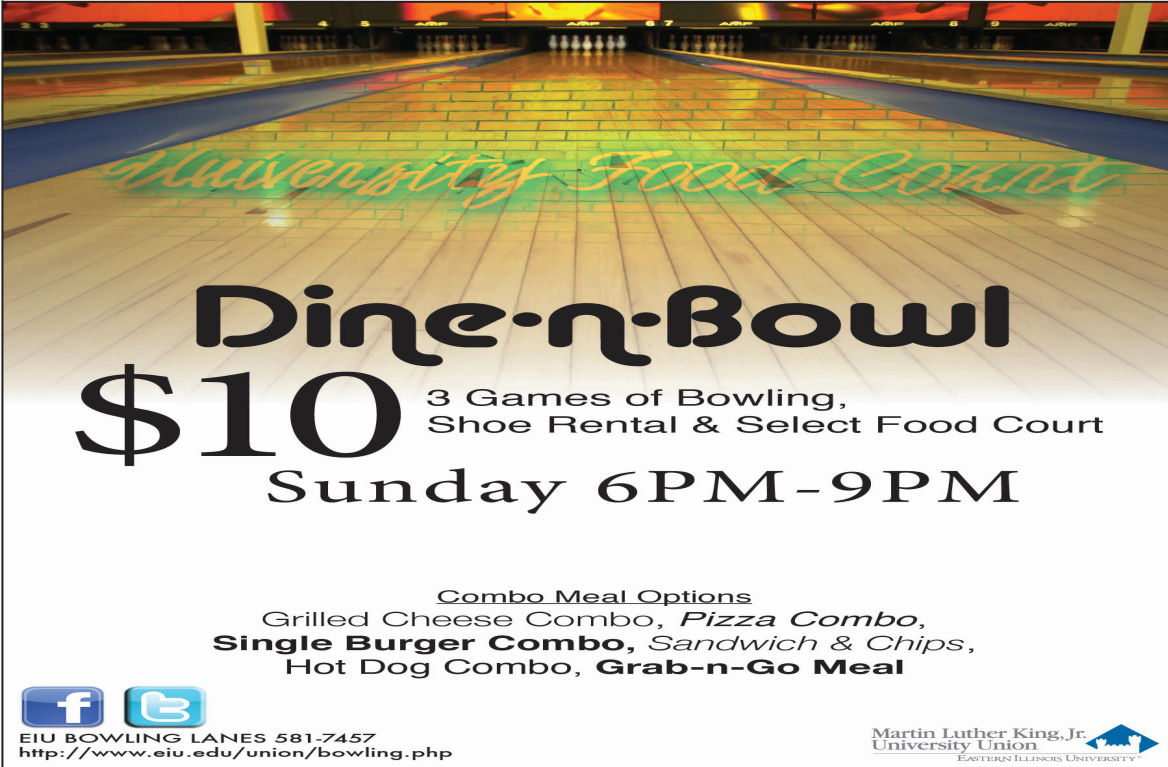
He said whatever the weather is like, he is up for the challenge.

“Their saying is ‘Shorts or snow, you never know,’ and that’s very accurate,” Ulm said. “I did not get to run it (the Mid-Winter Classic run in 2011) because I had weekend class on Friday and I was upset because I would have loved it.”

Ratliff agreed with Ulm and said the weather likely will not affect participation in the classic.

“I figure if we can run it with an 8-inch blizzard going on we can run no matter what,” Ratliff said.

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ENTERTAINMENT | TARBLE ARTS CENTER

Conflicts to develop during ‘Bus Stop’ play

By Bob Galuski
Entertainment Editor

Students walking into the Tarble Arts Center 7:30 p.m. Friday can step into the time period of 1958 through the production of “Bus Stop.”

The production presented by members of the Charleston Community Theatre, is the story of eight different characters interacting with each other after a snow-storm forces them inside a diner for the night.

Victoria Bennett, the director of the production, described the play as being about love at a bus stop diner.

She also said one of the aspects that drew her to the play was the cast of characters.

“Each person has a specific role,” Bennett said. “It’s very balanced.”

Conflicts will arise with each of

the characters and how they interact with the others, she said.

One of the conflicts comes from the two characters Bo and Cherie, Bennett said.

“Bo is a cowboy hot on the trail of Cherie, who he kidnapped from the Blue Dragon Nightclub,” she said.

As the night goes on, more conflicts come to the forefront with the other characters, such as Dr. Lyman, an alcoholic who is trying to roam the country.

The other characters featured in the play are Grace, the owner of the diner, her waitress Elma, Will, who is the sheriff, the bus driver Carl and Virgil, an older cowboy who acts as a mentor to Bo.

Bennett also said the play would be able to appeal to every person who sees it.

“It’s such an entertaining plot and any person of any age will ap-

preciate the story,” she said.

Bennett said it was her decision as the director to set the play in 1958.

“The play was originally written in 1955, so it’s around that time period,” she said.

The music of the era was also a factor in deciding when to set the play, Bennett said.

“It’s set in 1958, so it’s pretty retro,” she said.

Bennett, who is directing a production for the first time, said while there had been a few hiccups, she was happy with the way the cast was coming together.

“There were definitely some bumps in the road,” she said. “It’s trial by error, but it’s a great cast with talented people.”

Cathy Sheagren, public relations director for the CCT, said there had been a cast change, but the replacement had fit very well into the role.



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Elma, played by Brigitte Dietz, is hugged by her fiancé Bo Decker, played by Kyle Probst, during the rehearsal for “Bus Stop” Tuesday at The Tarble Arts Center Atrium. The first performance will be 7:30 p.m. Saturday in the Tarble Arts Center Atrium.

“We have a very dedicated cast here,” she said. “They’ve all been working hard to bring this together.”

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FACULTY | RECOGNITION

Professor awarded for case study analyses

By Stephanie Markham
Administration Editor

Ten years of developing ways to simplify business analysis have lead to multiple awards for one professor.

Michael Dobbs, an assistant professor of management, was granted the Best Paper Award at the 23rd Annual Conference of the American Society for Competitiveness in Washington, D.C. last October.

His paper described the template he devised for his students to incorporate different aspects of industry into their analyses of business case studies.

He said he based his template on literature published by Harvard professor Michael Porter in 1980 describing strategic management and competitive strategy.

“In dealing with my students over the years, I’ve found that many students have struggled with applying Porter’s five forces framework to industry analysis in more than just a cursory way, and so these templates are designed to get them to analyze things in-depth,” he said.

Dobbs said the five forces for industry analysis are buyers, suppliers, new entrance, competitors and substitutes.

“They have been used for decades now, but applying them in a rigorous way has not been universally the

case,” he said.

He said his graduate students perform analyses for real companies, such as the Pumpkin Works pumpkin patch in Paris, Ill.

“They take the template and fill it in for that particular industry, and that’s going to give them a much more robust analysis of what’s going on in the industry than just going through lists of items,” he said.

Dobbs said templates help to pinpoint important concepts in cases that give broad information.

“One of the reasons I use templates in my class is because that allows students to focus on the analysis and not so much on the format,” he said.

Dobbs said providing structure for his students allows for higher-quality work.

“One of the things that I’ve found about students, especially traditional college-age students, is despite what people think, millennials like structure,” he said. “They’re very tech-savvy, but they like structure, so if you assign them something and don’t give them structure, a lot of times they’re going to feel lost.”

Dobbs said the American Society for Competitiveness was formed to use research in informing businesses and politicians on how to improve national and international competitiveness.

He said although a capitalistic society necessitates competition, there are multiple ways to achieve while being competitive.

“Some people are cutthroat, and they’ll not only build themselves up but they’ll cut the other person down, but you don’t have to do that,” he said. “You can just concentrate on your work and make sure it’s outstanding, and that’s the way you’re going to get hired.”

Bill Minnis, an associate professor of management, said the case studies he teaches often include 25 to 30 pages of information.

He said the process of evaluating case studies can be compared to blood tests in which a doctor analyzes pages of information to tell a patient one simple statement.

“Case studies have a whole lot of distractions,” he said. “Unless there is a template, students don’t know what the most important thing is.”

He said students who participate in case study analyses can gain valuable skills.

“It expands their analytical abilities to be able to deal with things they have not experienced but can evaluate,” he said.

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CAMPUS | STUDENT SENATE

Organizations seek Senate’s support

By Samantha McDaniel
Student Governance Editor

The Student Senate members heard a presentation focused on supporting other organizations on campus rather than governing them, on Wednesday.

Student Senate Speaker Mitch Gurick, a sophomore business major, gave the presentation to inform the new senators sworn in office of the position of the Student Senate.

“Student government has thought they are more or less above all the other organizations, that they were above other people on campus,” Gurick said.

Gurick said it is important for the Student Senate members to know that this perception is not true.

“It is an honor to sit where you are, but with that honor comes the fact that this isn’t our focus at all and it shouldn’t be ever,” Gurick said.

Student Senate members are on campus to support campus and advocate for the students, Gurick said.

The members should be doing everything in their power to make Eastern a better place, he said.

Student Body President Kaci Abolt, a senior communication studies major, said she agrees about the role of Student Senate.

With the new senators, Abolt said it is a good thing that they know where the organization stands.

“Each semester we have to all get on the same page because there is a lot of

turnover as far as the members of student government, so I think it is a great way to start off everyone with the same mindset,” she said.

Abolt said in the past, when the older Student Senate members saw themselves above other organizations, they were not as functional as they are now.

The functionality of the Student Senate has increased over the past couple of years, she said, and there were relationship issues between the members.

“It wasn’t a good representation of an organization that was serving everyone else,” Abolt said. “I’m really happy with the way it has transitioned.”

The model Gurick presented showed the Student Senate under different groups on campus instead of over them.

Abolt said it is the role of the Student Senate to support the entire campus community, staff, students and faculty alike.

“It’s a model to be adapted to everything we do,” Abolt said. “We are serving the campus, the campus isn’t serving us.”

Abolt said election packets will be available starting Feb. 18 and will be due March 20.

Elections will take place April 1-2.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Message on Doudna steps sparks call to action

I hope I'm not the only one who had a heavy heart when reading the message on the Doudna steps yesterday. If you didn't see it, the message chalked on the steps says (paraphrased) "My rapist still attends EIU. Will no one listen to me?"

If you didn't know 1 in 6 women will be victims of sexual assault or attempted sexual assault in their lifetime. It's also a statistic that there are only 1-3 "reported" rapes a year at EIU. Sounds great, right? Sadly, the statistic gives the false sense of security that sexual assaults just don't happen "here."

What you don't hear is all the stories of victims on campus. This message only proves the silence our campus survivors feel. If our administration isn't speaking publicly about this they are doing a disservice to the survivors on campus. Survivors should feel the unwavering support of and entire university behind them administration, services, and police included.

I believe in Eastern Illinois University and yet it is with great disappointment that I saw this message. I know EIU to be better than this. I, as staff, as a male supporter of survivors, demand more. I will be writing the following message on the steps, "We expect to work on a campus that supports victims." If you too believe this statement then join me at noon today (Thursday) in signing your name on the steps with me in support of the victims and demand more.

Nate Atkinson

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“LET’S GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT”

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What are your favorites?

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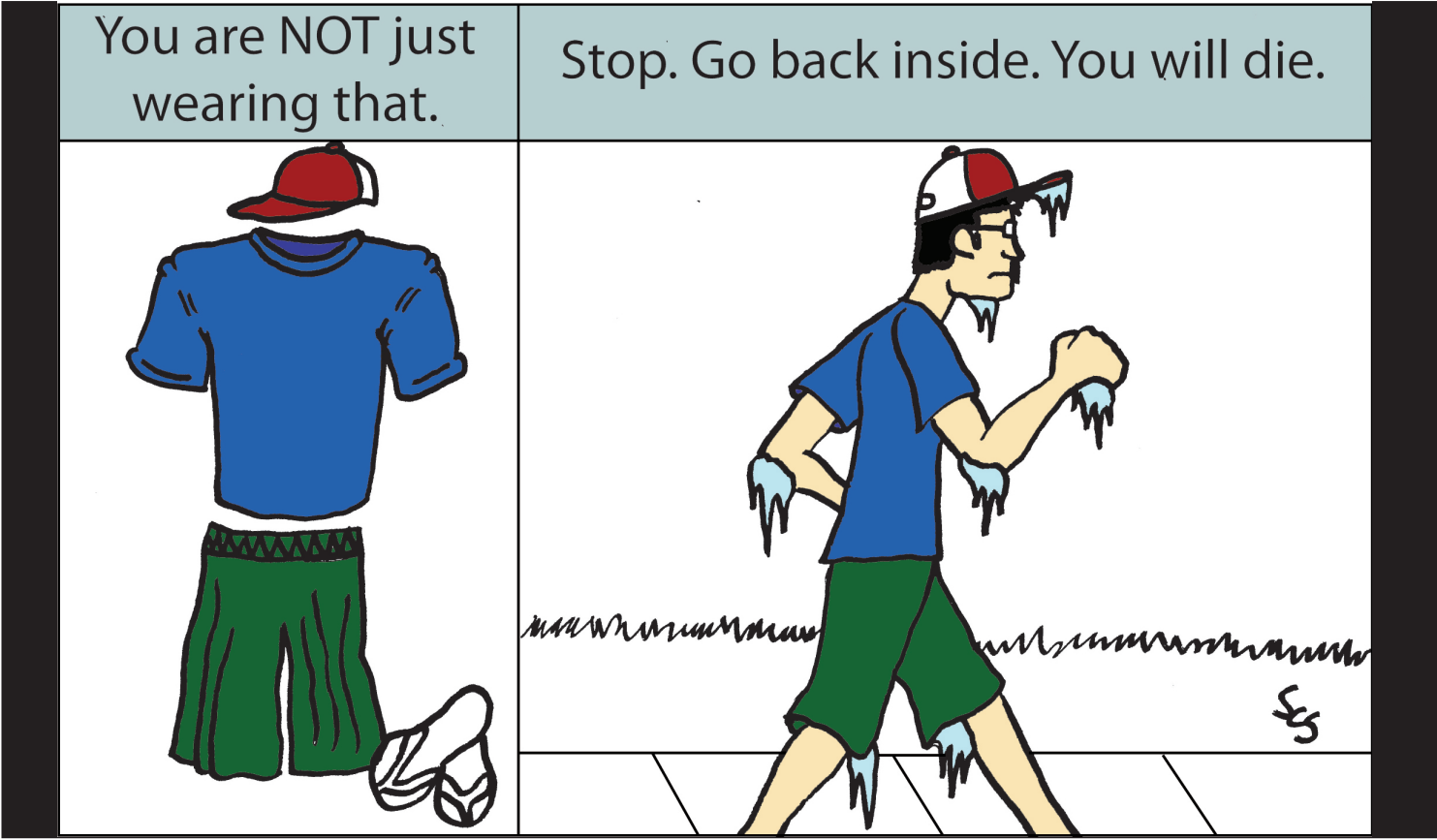
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STAFF EDITORIAL

Let’s make our relationship with University Board a two-way street

When was the last time you attended a University Board event?

If you have to think about it, it's probably been too long. But don't worry. You're probably not the only one.

In fact, it increasingly seems that UB is putting on events with poor attendance.

In an article "Attendance scarce at talent show" published in the Jan. 17 issue of *The Daily Eastern News*, it was reported that only four students attended the event. The attendance was so terrible, they had to shut down the event after 15 minutes.

Now, this is just one event, but think of all the money that probably went into planning it. Money for advertising, money to buy the prizes -- and this is just one out of the many events they put on.

And from where is all this money coming? Whether you realize it or not (or even want to), your tuition dollars help fund under attended events like this.

Also, UB isn't really rocking the best reputation as far as planning goes right now, like when conflicting times were given for the "A Day In Series" in Pemberton Hall last week.

That's not even to mention what a mess the spring concert situation has become. With no concert last year and no announcement

OUR POSITION

- **Situation:** University Board events have been poorly attended as of late.
- **Stance:** Tell UB what you want to see done. It is your tuition money, after all.

so far this year either, UB is not fulfilling its promises to students.

If UB doesn't plan a concert this semester, it's not like you're going to be refunded the student fee money that didn't get used.

All of this might seem like an attack, but it's not completely. The blame shouldn't be

entirely placed on UB. Hey, students are the ones for whom the events are primarily created, right?

So, here's what you can do. Reach out to University Board and let them know what you like and what you don't. Make suggestions for what you'd like to see planned. Talent shows not your thing? Let them know what is, and the executive members may take that into consideration when planning events in the future.

After all, UB is not just putting on events or the sake of doing it. They want to see you there; they want you to get something out of it.

So, do them and yourself a favor and actually go out to an event or, at the very least, put in your opinion. Let's make the relationship between students and UB a two-way street.

The daily editorial is the majority opinion of the editorial board of *The Daily Eastern News*.

‘Scared Straight’ isn’t scaring anybody

Over winter break, I found myself, probably like the lot of you, watching a lot of TV. A show I continuously found myself watching was A&E's "Beyond Scared Straight" documentary series.

The series highlights a handful of at-risk teens, usually between 13 to 16 years of age, who have a number of different disciplinary issues, ranging from fighting to stealing to drinking and drug use. The teens are sent to a jail, usually for an overnight stay where they are lectured by police officers and inmates and are urged to straighten up and fly right.

Each episode starts similarly, with the teens discussing about how sure they are that the program will do nothing for them, only to be met with the harsh reality of life behind bars. The teens are screamed at and worked out until they cry, and the once arrogant, disorderly teens are succumbed to the fact that they might not be as tough as they think they are.

Sure, it makes for some interesting (some may even consider it entertaining) television, but does it work? Research proves otherwise.

In 2008, Assistant Attorney General for the



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Office of Justice Programs Laurie O. Robinson and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Acting Administrator Jeff Slowikowski penned an editorial in the Baltimore Sun saying that not only to scared straight programs not deter crimes, they in fact, cause them.

A 2005 study by Scott O. Lilienfeld of Emory University found that these programs could possibly worsen conduct-disorder symptoms, and Anthony Petrosino, Carolyn Turpin-Petrosino, John Buehler in 2009 found that scared straight programs are actually more likely to cause at-risk youth to reoffend.

Even the U.S. Department of Justice discour-

ages states from funding these types of programs and states that do fund these types of programs risk having their funds reduced.

As if the state of Illinois needed another opportunity to embarrass itself, the St. Clair County Jail in Belleville is featured on A&E's documentary program. Why the jail would include itself in something that has been proven over and over again to not only be ineffective, but create more problems than it solves is beyond me, but for whatever reason, "Beyond Scared Straight" is a hit that puts Belleville in a national spotlight.

Scared straight programs aren't scaring anyone, and neither is the state of Illinois. According to a 2011 report, 51.7 percent of of Illinois inmates return to prison within three years, much higher than the national average.

So, maybe it's time to stop focusing on scaring kids and start focusing on finding something that actually works.

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LOCAL | ANIMAL SHELTER

Coles County casts out canines

By Amanda Wilkinson
City Editor

As many as 1,000 dogs go through County Animal Rescue and Education center and cats are not far behind.

The CARE center, 6818 North County Road 1120 East, is a non-profit animal control center and animal shelter that operates within Coles County.

Julie Deters, the manager of the shelter, said animals are dumped, abandoned and surrendered hrough-out the year.

She said she is not sure if the pets they pick up are from students but there is an increase of animals they pick up in the summer months.

“We don’t see a huge increase, but we do see an increase when the college kids leave,” Deters said.

She said they have been called to student housing near Eastern to pick up various animals left behind by students.

Deters said most of the time they pick up snakes, ferrets and rabbits but do also find dogs and cats.

Horses, goats, sheep, hamsters, guinea pigs, rabbits, chinchillas, various birds and sometimes, exotic animals have come through the CARE center doors, she said.

However, Deters said she still sees a lot of responsible students who take care of their pets.

Ellen Johnson, a Charleston dog trainer, said the students who come to her puppy classes seem like good owners.

“The students in my puppy class are wonderful,” she said. “They listen. They’re used to paying attention. They do what you tell them.”

Johnson said there may be a few reasons why anyone may give up a pet.

If a pet and owner fail to bond, the pet is a financial burden or the pet does not fit well with the family, it may not be the right pet for the person, she said.

Johnson said students may also have to surrender a pet if they do not



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CARE is an animal shelter that takes in more than 1500 animals a year. It normally sees an influx of pets during the end of the school year when students go home and leave their pets behind.

live in a pet-friendly building.

She said most people who bond with their pet would have a very hard time surrendering it.

“It’s not the students fault if there’s no bonding, they just have the misfortune of adopting an animal that’s not capable of bonding with them,” Johnson said.

She said people get pets because they think a pet will make their life

better and will give them comfort and security.

If a pet makes your life worse, you should return the pet, Johnson said.

She said people should not just go out and buy a pet on an impulse.

Deters said the CARE center said stray pets they take in go up for adoption after seven days so owners have a chance to claim them. She said if the center has too many animals some

may be euthanized for space, but they do not have to do that often.

Deters said people do not think long term about owning a pet before they get it.

“(Owning a dog), it’s a 10 to 12 year commitment,” she said.

Johnson said young people really need to think about how expensive owning a pet may be, how much responsible they have to be and how much time they have to devote.

“People are not aware of the damage adolescent dogs or a puppy can do to your home or your roommates belongings,” Johnson said. “I tell people in my puppy class that ‘everything on the floor is the dog’s.’”

She said once people realize how much supervision some pets require, they may be more willing to give up their pet.

She said prospective pet owners should ask themselves if they are a good fit for the pet and if they meet the pet’s needs.

People should find an animal that is suitable for their lifestyle, Johnson said.

“There’s four ‘rights’ that have to happen—the right dog, the right place, the right age and do the right job,” she said.

She said if a person is active, a dog that needs a lot of exercise might be best for them or vice versa.

Couch potatoes should get a smaller dog, cats or rodents, Johnson said.

If someone gets a dog for the first time in their adult life, they should get help, she said.

Johnson said she has a hot line if anyone is having trouble with their dog.

She said if a person absolutely must surrender their pet, the CARE center will take them.

“We accept anything that walks through that door,” Deters said.

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CAA | ONLINE COURSES

Tech-delivered courses to be voted on

By Stephanie Markham
Administration Editor

Revisions for six health studies courses will be proposed to the Council on Academic Affairs during its meeting Thursday.

The revisions would allow for the courses to be available for students to take online.

Julie Dietz, a professor of health studies, is an instructor for one of the revised courses, “HST 3500: Human Sexuality.”

She said many of the health studies classes have been offered face-to-face, by technology delivery and by a hybrid of both methods.

“The revised course proposals were set up to allow for several different delivery formats,” she said.

Dietz said the department is proposing the courses to CAA to ensure maximum availability for students.

“We want to make sure everything is approved appropriately so we have options as to how we deliver these courses so that we can adapt to the

needs of our students,” she said.

She said many students want to enroll in technology-delivered courses during the summer semesters so they can earn credit from home.

Robert Bates, chair of the health studies department, said offering technology-delivered courses during the summer would allow students to fit more into their schedules.

“Anything of value is work and it’s important for students to realize that the department is giving academic credit, it’s going to be earned”

-Robert Bates, chair of health studies department

“Many work in summer but still want to make progress toward degree completion; so, it provides us some flexibility,” he said.

Bates said the department would also offer the courses during the fall and spring semesters.

He said increasing the availability of technology-delivered courses would benefit students with heavy

work schedules.

“We have some students that are in-service teachers; in other words they are working from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and wish to pick up a health education endorsement,” he said.

“In order to do that they have to take coursework, and some can’t wait until summer.”

Bates said the health studies faculty and the curriculum committee reviewed each course extensively to make sure the integrity of each course was maintained.

“The objectives stay the same regardless of what methodology we use to present it,” he said.

“We’re covering the same material and meeting the same learning ob-

jectives. We’re just using a different approach.”

He said despite the rigor of technology-delivered courses, they are not the best option for every student.

“We find that some students do very well online and some students don’t, and it’s important for students to recognize what works for them,” he said.

Bates said students have to work hard regardless of what type of course they choose.

“It’s not just a matter of sitting in your jammies, it’s work,” he said. “Anything of value is work and it’s important for students to realize that the department is giving academic credit, it’s going to be earned.”

The CAA will meet at 2 p.m. Thursday in Room 4440 of Booth Library.

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Sherman Blanford
Eastern’s junior forward

Philadelphia native brings big talent

By Anthony Catezone
Sports Editor

In south Philadelphia, born and raised, on the playground is where Sherman Blanford spent most of his days.

He would sneak out of his parents’ house at night and back into the house before his dad returned home from work and pretend that nothing had ever happened.

He knew he was not supposed leave the house when he was in trouble, but to him basketball was a necessity ever since he first picked up a ball at age 2.

Luckily, his dad never caught him; otherwise, Blanford may not have been a starting forward for the Eastern men’s basketball team.

He may never had been on the roster and may have not have been a key component in endings Eastern’s program-record 12-game losing streak.

The junior transfer from Marshalltown Community College set career highs in points (19), rebounds (10), assists (six) and steals (four), while leading the Panthers to a 77-67 road win over the Austin Peay Governors last Saturday.

The performance earned him Ohio Valley Conference Newcomer of the Week honors.

It was the Panthers’ first win in almost two months, and Blanford’s first career double-double was able to lift them to that win.

“(Blanford) played unbelievably good (against Austin Peay),” head coach Jay Spoonhour said. “The offensive rebounds speak for themselves.”

Blanford hauled in another career high seven offensive rebounds last Saturday.

Yet he believes he could have played better. Aside from foul trouble, having recorded five for the game, Blanford was quick to point out miscues that did not show up on the stat sheet.

“You can never be perfect, but I try to go out and play to the best of my abilities,” he said. “I had (two) turnovers that game. I could have made clearer passes at times. There were other chances I could have had more offensive rebounds.”

But even with Blanford criticizing himself, it does not stop Spoonhour from acknowledging his versatility.



JACOB SALMICH | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Sherman Blanford, junior forward, has had a passion for basketball since the age of 2. As a teenager, he would sneak out of his parents’ house at nights to play. He set career highs in points (19), rebounds (10), assists (six) and steals (four), while leading the Panthers to a 77-67 road win over the Austin Peay Governors last Saturday.

“He is as good of a passer as we have on this team,” Spoonhour said. “He is just capable of doing so many things.”

Blanford said that his career high assist all come from knowing when to hit an open man.

“Being a good player is all about taking chances,” he said. “If I see somebody open, I’m going to get them the ball. Regardless, I’m going to find a way to give it to them.”

But Blanford said with his dominance on the glass and his ability to score inside the paint a game like this would not be his last. Nor will it be his last double-double. He guaranteed that.

“You can expect more (double-doubles),” Blanford said. “That is what I do best. I rebound and can put points on the board, as well. There have been games this season where I was close to getting double-digit rebounds. So yeah, you definitely can expect more.”

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MEN'S BASKETBALL | PREVIEW

Panthers, Skyhawks meet with identical records

By Anthony Catezone
Sports Editor

Aside from 258 miles between the two teams, not much separates the Eastern men's basketball team and Tennessee-Martin.

Both teams share the last place in the west division of the Ohio Valley Conference.

"We have to guard them inside but can't sag off the perimeter players. We have to guard tight and not allow them to get easy baskets."

Jay Spoonhour, head men's basketball coach

"Both teams are just going to play as well as they can," head coach Jay Spoonhour said.

"For us, we have been doing the right stuff lately.

"If we keep the possessions low, like we did at Austin Peay, we will be fine."

Tennessee-Martin has the slight edge having played one less game than Eastern; otherwise, the records are the same.

Eastern is 4-16 overall and 1-6 in the OVC. Tennessee-Martin is 4-15 overall, but also 1-6 in the OVC.

That is not the only similarity between the two.

The Eastern offense is the only offense that scores fewer points than Tennessee-Martin in the OVC-only games this season.

The Panthers average 59.6 points per game, while the Skyhawks average 61 points per game in confer-

ence contests.

Despite the low-scoring offense the Skyhawks have, Spoonhour is not overlooking it.

"We have to guard them inside but can't sag off the perimeter players," Spoonhour said. "We have to guard tight and not allow them to get easy baskets."

While the two teams are very similar, there is a difference between the two: Defenses.

The Panthers' defense is fourth-best in the OVC this season, averaging 64.3 points per game, but the Skyhawks' defense is second-worst at 75.6 points per game.

The Skyhawks have allowed an opponent to score 80 points or more nine times this season.

They are 0-9 in those games. Eastern has not allowed an opponent to score 80 points once this season.

But, Tennessee-Martin has found some salvation this season in Myl- es Taylor.

The 6-foot, 7-inch 250-pound forward is averaging 17 points and 8.4 rebounds per game in OVC-play, respectively.

That ranks Taylor seventh and fifth in the OVC, respectively.

Spoonhour said Taylor is under the basket every time a shot is up.

"We have to block him out as best as we can," he said.

"He is always around the basket, but he is so big he might not even feel you.

If we stick to our assignments, it will be much easier to keep him from those rebounds."

Yet Taylor, who is shooting 46 percent for the season, cannot cover up the offensive woes for the Skyhawks.

Aside from them scoring 60 or less points seven times this season, the Skyhawks are shooting an OVC-worst 35.7 percent from the field in conference games.

They also rank last in 3-point shooting with 29.4 percent in OVC games.

The Panthers, meanwhile, shoot 45.1 percent from the field and 36.1 percent from 3-point range when facing OVC teams.

They rank sixth and fifth in the OVC in those statistics, respectively.

Tip-off is at 7 p.m. Thursday in Lantz Arena.

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• When: 7 p.m. Thursday

• Where: Lantz Arena



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Senior guard Malcolm Herron reaches out for a rebound against Trinity International University on Nov. 5 at Lantz Arena. Eastern will face Tennessee-Martin 7 p.m. Thursday in Lantz Arena

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | NOTEBOOK

Nixon, Mitchell coming on strong

By Alex McNamee
Staff Reporter

Seniors Ta'Kenya Nixon and Sydney Mitchell have come on strong as of late for the Eastern women's basketball team.

Nixon, who is chasing the program's all-time scoring leader, Rachel Galligan, has scored 18 or more points in four of her last five games.

Nixon is 188 points shy of breaking Galligan's all-time points record, meaning she will have to average 18.8 points per game in the last 10 regular seasons games.

Depending on how many conference tournament games the Panthers play, the average could change.

Nixon's pursuit of the record is within reach, as she has scored 23, 18 and 20 points in the last three games, respectively.

Those three games — against Tennessee Tech, Austin Peay and Murray State — have come against some of the conference's toughest opponents.

Tennessee Tech and Murray State are among the leaders in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Nixon still has a way to go but has increased her points per game averaged by 1.2 points in the last three games.

While Nixon chases the record, Mitchell is finally starting to put up big numbers game-in and game-out.

Mitchell, a senior forward, has battled injuries most of the season, but her recent games have shown how much she has improved.

Mitchell scored in double figures in the all of the last three games, whereas she would only have done that three previous times this season.

She finished the last two games — against Murray State and Austin Peay — with double doubles. She scored 10 points and grabbed 15 rebounds, a career high, against Austin Peay.

Then, she scored 12 points and grabbed 10 rebounds against Murray State.

OVC glance

With a little more than one month left in the regular season, there are tight races atop the OVC standings in both the east and west divisions.

Belmont is the clear leader atop the league, and the east division, with a 7-1 conference record. The Bruins are 12-8 overall, boasting one of the best records in the league.

Eastern has the second best record in the league, at 11-8 overall, and is tied for first place in the west

division with Tennessee-Martin. The two teams have 5-2 conference records.

Eastern's tied with Tennessee-Martin will be settled on Monday when the two teams play each other in Lantz Arena.

Also in the west, Murray State holds the third place spot with a win over Eastern on Monday to their benefit.

Following Belmont in the East, Tennessee Tech and Eastern Kentucky are 4-2 in the conference. Morehead State is not far behind.

Tennessee-Martin's top players, Heather Butler and Jasmine Newsome, have made it a habit of scoring the most points in the conference each year. They are doing it again.

Butler averages 22 points per game, while Newsome averages 20.9. They are the only two players in the OVC to average 20 or more points per game.

Eastern's next game is at 4 p.m. Saturday against Southeast Missouri in Lantz Arena.

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HOCKEY | PREVIEW

Hockey club on road

By Dominic Renzetti
Opinions Editor

The Eastern hockey club, fresh off snapping a five-game losing streak in a split with Iowa, will hit the ice again on Friday and Saturday against Bradley.

The first game will start at 8:15 p.m. on Friday with the second game starting at 9:15 p.m. Both games will be at the Owens Center Ice Arena in Peoria.

The Panthers enter with a record of 9-10-3 and will face a Bradley opponent who is currently on a three-game losing streak.

Bradley enters with a record of 10-7-1 and has played some of the same opponents as the Panthers. The Braves swept Northern Illinois, who split a series with the Panthers back in November. The Braves split with Illinois State in early November, the same Redbirds team who defeated the Panthers by scores of 12-0 and 5-1 just two weeks ago.

The Panthers gave up a combined 17 goals to the Redbirds, while the Braves gave up just eight.

The Panthers are entering the weekend with their heads held high after an emotional win on Monday over Iowa.

Junior forward Andrew Maronich said Monday's win made the team feel special.

"That was one happy locker room after the game, and that is something that we haven't had in awhile," he said. "Not only the fact that we won, but the way we won made it even more special. Every single player did what they needed to do in order to get the win for the team."

Senior team captain Michael Sorrentino is still listed as day-to-day with a knee injury, which he suffered in Monday's game against Iowa. Maronich said he is hopeful Sorrentino, who recorded three goals in the win over the Hawkeyes, will be ready to go on Friday.

"He will hopefully be in the lineup this Friday, but as of now, he is day to day," Maronich said.

The Panthers will return home after their series with Bradley for the first time since the Dec. 1 series with Louisville. The team will host Missouri at the David S. Palmer Arena in Danville Feb. 1 and 2. Start times have yet to be announced.

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EIU alum Al Bowman helps transform ISU-Normal

By Nicholas Ruffolo
Staff Reporter

Since taking office in 2003, as the interim president, Dr. Al Bowman has transformed Illinois State University into a nationally recognized institution.

The recognition came as a result of the Educating Illinois initiative, a plan that called for ISU to break the mold and become nationally recognized for academics.

Bowman set historic highs in freshman ACTS with averaging scores at 24.3 percent, freshman-sophomore retention rate at 85 percent and graduation rate at 70.4 percent.

Bowman accomplished these feats while organizing a renovation of the entire campus, including the creation of a \$50 million fitness center.

“(The university) is in a better shape and a couple things have happened to make it significant,” Bowman said. “I think I have been able to hire very capable senior administrators and the leadership team has done a very good job of moving the institution forward in a challenging economic environment.”

Having earned his master’s degree in speech-language pathology from Eastern in 1976, Bowman believes that it helped advance his career.



President Bowman speaks to fellow faculty and students during the State of the University address last September.

“I think the experience at Eastern was very important to my future professional advancement,” Bowman said. “The reason is that the master’s program was extremely rigorous and it required discipline and a strong work ethic.”

Bowman has also taken measures to ensure diversity and racial tolerance at Illinois State, creating special interest groups such as the Diversity Task Force.

“Both Eastern and Illinois State have been able to create a

welcoming environment where students of all backgrounds can feel comfortable,” he said. “As a result, these two institutions historically have had higher graduation and retention rates for African-Americans and Latino students. I don’t think it’s an accident.”

Bowman said that another key to the recent success is being selective when accepting applications.

“Both Eastern and Illinois State admit students who have the potential to earn a degree.

Both institutions have, I think, held strong to their admission standards and have resisted the temptation to admit students that are not ready to do college level work.”

The Illinois State interim president acknowledges that this is an unpopular position on the issue of having minority representation, but the statistics speak for themselves.

“Both of these schools are certainly not in the lead around the state when it comes to enrollment of under represented

Photo provided by Nicholas Ruffolo

minorities. But in terms of successful outcomes most of us do better than the other universities.”

Bowman takes office in 2013, with new goals for Illinois State University, with the priority of continuing its advancement.

In this story the reporter talked to Bowman as well as used some information gathered from the ilstu.edu website.

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Illinois-California law bans employer access to data

By Lauren Thomas
Staff Reporter

In today’s society, the popularity of social networking has gone up tremendously, students, faculty, and parents, are consistently posting and uploading sensitive data onto the networks.

However, when employers start to demand access to their potential employees social networking accounts, a myriad of legal issues soon begin to arise.

Social networks are becoming more and more important during the hiring process prospective employers are looking to Facebook and LinkedIn, to determine if the potential candidate is worthy of their employment.

With that being said, new laws drafted in Illinois and California ban employers from demanding access to the social networking accounts of their workers and job applicants.

The laws were designed to

protect the privacy of employees.

Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn signed the bill for the new law last August, which went into effect on the first of the year; however, before the creation of the law, employers were free to demand the passwords to social networking accounts and reprimand those who did not comply.

Julie Mariani, a junior Early Childhood Special Education major, said she supports the ban.

“I don’t think that the employers should be able to have access to that personal information,” she said.

Shauna Bell, a Counseling grad student, said she does not mind employers viewing a personal page, but demanding her password should not be acceptable.

“I can see wanting to check on Facebook and wanting to see if everybody is being professional but I think requiring employees to give you

their passwords is going too far,” she said. “I think there’s a right to privacy and that’s a little too far.”

Valerie Phillips, a junior Family and Consumer Science major, said she did not mind the idea of voluntarily showing an employer her personal page, but did not think it was right to be forced to give full access.

“I feel like that’s invading your privacy,” she said. “I can have you to look at my pictures, I can have you to look at my posts, but when you have my password you’re in my privacy,” she said.

The laws also ban employers from demanding access to any information that is not made viewable to the public on an employee’s social networking account.

The information these employers may have access to are mostly personal.

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By Tenola Plaxico
Guest Staff Reporter
-Opinion-

Beyoncé has found success in the perfect musical climate.

Black girls adore her for magnifying their broken shards of “beauty” and chemical-driven transformations. Gays idolize her because they have been socially trained to value brazen femininity. White America loves her because.. her name is Beyoncé.

However, true R&B veterans, who have been raised on a steady diet of Baker’s genius, Houston’s power, and Carey’s divine accuracy, are less than enamored by Mrs. Knowles commercially explosive charms, yet precariously adequate musicianship. If you haven’t introduced your ears to Evelyn “Champagne” King, Chanté Moore, Lisa Fischer, or Rachelle Ferrell, you have ignorantly crowned Beyoncé queen in a palace where she is rightfully a mere servant.

I feel that Beyonce needs to

sing and dance to compensate for what her vocals alone cannot produce.

For instance, Carey became the worlds biggest-selling female recording artist with a career that was anchored in vocally exquisite material.

Her success was constituted primarily on her voice.

Paula Abdul on the other hand, while vocally mediocre, was a phenomenal dancer. Her success was predicated on her ability to dance.

Beyoncé, a spirited, but unrefined singer, and hardly a dancer (Janet, Britney and Aaliyah were dancers) has a career tenuously built on a variety of marginal skills, but no exceptional qualities.

That variety- cleverly executed in an era of musically and choreographically bankrupt musicians- can THEN masquerade as “talent.”

She cannot stand on her voice alone. She cannot stand on her dancing alone. She cannot stand on her acting alone.

I always champion Carey’s form because it is bulletproof,

or as renowned Opera singer Montserrat Caballé stated: “Carey is such a musician. Perfect timing, divine accuracy, subtle and refined phrasing, melismas always connected to the rhythm and structure of song, infallible ability to establish and resolve musical ideas and theme and effortless combination of climax and resolve.”

Think about what makes a voice precious, coveted and unique.

Carey is incomparable and unforgettable. No one else can do what she does.

When I compare a Carey classic (Emotions, Music Box) to one of Beyoncé ‘s most celebrated and ambitious musical attempts, they always seem to fall shamefully short in an elemental way.

They lack the precision, care, agility and fundamental richness, which are all requisite necessities for any world-class musician.

It would be a lie if I said that I did not enjoy a very small portion of her discography.

However, as a classically

trained violinist and pianist, I can insightfully submit that Beyoncé’s vocal ability has the glossy veneer of experience, but at its core lies a fragile and underdeveloped finesse, which is deliberately and consistently “masked” by her legendary torrents of abrasive, plangent, uncontrollable bellowing.

When I expect delicate, I merely hear quiet. When I expect power, she instead delivers a corrosive roar. When I expect clarity, I hear an inarticulate plea, standing behind the ameliorated silhouette of savvy sound engineering.

In my opinion, she claimed the title Diva before she rightfully earned it. Ever since then, I have been dissecting and deconstructing her fallacious claims to musical invincibility.

It is also my honest submission that a lot of Beyoncé’s unprecedented fame in white America comes NOT from a sincere attachment to the narrative of her music, or the fundamental R&B content in her work.

Her sensational appeal and

superstardom (in my opinion) are attributed instead to (a) the reflection of beauty standards that white America deems agreeable, (b) the markedly lascivious projection in her performances, and of course, (c) the stereotypical “black-girl-name” with which white America has recently found a questionably eager fascination.

Do you remember the viral attention that the word “bootylicious” earned a few years ago?

That was the beginning of her disingenuous relationship with white America.

I can’t help but feel a subtle, but menacing chill crawl up my spine when the adjectives “captivating”, “extraordinary” and “amazing” are used alongside Beyoncé. I have watched

This is an opinion piece of Mr. Plaxico comes all the way from Ole Miss.

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Margins to the Center:

Stereotyping impairs performance

A startling Ohio State University study exploring the effects of racial stereotyping uncovered some very unfortunate truths. Nearly 160 African-American students were asked to write an essay about an average college student, either named "Tyrone" or "Erik," with the implication being that the former is black and the latter white. Those assigned Tyrone scored an average of 4.5 on a standardized test, while Team Erik ended up with 6.2. Although possessing equal academic aptitude, researchers believe prevailing stereotypes negatively impact performance — thus creating an unjust cycle reinforced by students and teachers alike.

<http://www.onlinecolleges.net/2011/09/19/17-scary-stats-on-minority-education-in-america/>

Fast tips: on how to stay organized during college

By Jasmine Randle
Staff Reporter
-Opinion-

Staying organized has been something I had to learn how to do, ever since my freshman year here at Eastern.

Now that I am a senior, I can verify that maintaining organization is a complicated thing to do.

It’s not like high school where you write down the assignment and keep it moving.

In college balancing school work, outside of class projects, work and social life is imperative.

Those tasks are difficult enough without including the organizations, one must join to enhance the resume that will one day get you a job.

Here are some of the things that I have found to be helpful.

But let me warn you, I am in about six to seven organizations, including a sorority.

I work and do outside class projects. The outside projects that leave me busy in the library for three to four

hours almost every day, that not including homework.

So you might not need some of the things I have found useful.

1. I have a yearly binder (2012-2013), and when I get my syllabus I mark in when things are due (projects and homework).

If something urgent pops up I use a sticky note that sticks out of the binder to warn me to look at it sooner.

There is a monthly view in the binder so I write down when my organizations meet.

If time conflicts I try to figure out which one is the most important to attend at that time and I pencil it in.

2. I have a reminder on my computer which literally speaks to me of assignments soon to be due. So I don't have an excuse for myself that I was distracted doing other assignments.

I also synced the calendar from my computer to my cellphone so it can annoy the crap out of me as a reminder.

3. I separate my classes into color coordinated folders and have different notepads for

each class.

4. When I finish an assignment I cross it out in highlighter (different colors brings joy to life.) just kidding but it's a colorful reminder in how I have completed an assignment.

5. I also have a separate list of things needed to be done in my apartment and cross it off as it is completed. When everything has been crossed out by the end of the day I feel like I have accomplished something and it is a great feeling.

By how I stay involved and want to make sure I am organized, do I sound like a minority to you?

Minorities are looked at more in the classroom by their peers and professors, wondering do they really want to be here?

But staying focus and coming to classes and being prepared (organized) goes a long way in proving others wrong about minority stereotypes.

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Crimes against women become out of control

By Ke’Ana Troutman
Staff Reporter

Sexual assault is a serious matter whether it is on a college campus or even in a residential or city area.

This is an issue that should be looked at as important to both men and women of a community.

A 23-year-old woman was gang raped and murdered last month in India. Following her attack another young 29-year-old woman was raped in the similar context of the 23-year-old woman about a month later.

This woman also boarded a bus and was beaten and taken to a undisclosed address where another five men in addition to

the seven raped her throughout the night according to CNN.

The men have been captured and they are now working on having a just trial.

These copycat incidents are sending messages to the male and female communities worldwide. Women are scared to go anywhere at this present time.

Dr. Ludlow, Associate Professor of English and coordinator of Women’s Studies, was aware that something like this could happen, however, was still initially shocked.

“There is a cultural difference in India and the U.S. about women’s roles but it is also important to say that things like this happen in the U.S., it’s just

easier for us to look at it when it’s some place else.”

Dr. Ludlow agrees that women should take something from this incident.

“We should unite and work towards a world where rape would be unthinkable,” Dr. Ludlow said. “Because it happened in a developing country it allows people to think it only happens here not there, which allowing us to ignore it happened. Second that means it allows us to ignore what happens here.”

Most women who are raped don’t take action because they know their attacker or they didn’t want to talk to a male officer Dr. Ludlow said.

A woman is raped in the

U.S. every two minutes (rainn.org), 90 percent of women raped on college campuses know the person who attacked them. While 95 percent of rape attacks are unreported which causes these cases to become “silent epidemics” (aauw.org).

“We as women can’t make rape go away; we all have to work together.” Dr. Ludlow offers. “It could do a lot of good changing the way we raise little boys. We need to teach our little boys that other people’s bodies are not there for them to touch.”

It is never a woman’s fault for being raped but safety precautions should be taken if possible.

Student Affairs have com-

posed a list of things to be aware of when on campus. You can access this list if you log on to EIU’s website and go to Student Affairs page.

Some of these precautions include avoiding walking alone at night, do not accept rides from casual acquaintances, when walking to your residence carry your keys in your hands and interlock them in your fist.

Also if you have been sexual assaulted you are encouraged to talk to someone even if you don’t report it. EIU’s counseling center is open five days a week and is free of charge.

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What would Dr. King be fighting for today?

By Timothy Bell
Staff Reporter

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. “MLK”- once shook off the filth of oppression, racism, and hatred, which set the foundation for his momentous movement of leadership.

Imagine today, King, breaking lose from the shackles that held him beneath the earth, what would he say, do, or think?

On April 3, 1968, King gave his final speech, the day before he was killed.

This speech took place in Memphis, TN, where he was going to lead a march full of sanitation workers protesting

against poor working conditions and low wages.

Eastern Graduate Assistant Victor Jones, expressed that Martin Luther king Jr. was trying to fight against poverty not just for African-Americans, but also for all Americans before he was killed.

“He was saying that the problem in America isn’t race, its class/poverty,” Jones said. “He was about to form a poor-peoples movement.”

Mikale Kelley-Ross, a senior psychology major, said that she believes Martin Luther King Jr. would still be fighting against the gap between the poor and the rich.

“There is an inequality be-

tween the privileged and not so privileged in terms of access to necessities, like education, health insurance, and employment,” Kelley-Ross said. “Every day the gap is growing bigger and bigger.”

Kelly-Ross said she believes MLK wouldn’t be too happy with the results of his hard work.

“He would be disappointed because (what) he (was fighting) for and died for still haven’t changed.”

One thing is certain, we may never know what he would be fighting for.

However, according to the 2011 U.S. Census Bureau, 15 percent of Americans is below



A photo of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. located in Douglas. Taken by Roberto Hodge was assassinated.

the poverty line. Therefore, it’s great chance he would be fighting against poverty just as he did before he

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Marlon wayans returns in “A Haunted House”

By Toni Porter
Staff Reporter

Marlon Wayans is back again, with his new horror comedy movie “A Haunted House”. His return of “Scary Movie,” but presented in a different way.

This isn’t Marlon Wayans first spin off comical horror movie. The Wayans are known for making similar movies like “A Haunted House” such as “Scary Movie.”

The brothers are very creative with flipping a horror movie into a comical movie. Marlon Wayans started his career in 1988, he was in a small role of his brother, Keenen’s comedy movie.

Marlon Wayans comes

from a family that directs, produces, and act in their own films that are always comedy-based movies.

Marlon Wayans brothers are known by the Wayans Brothers.

The “Haunted House” is a movie that is making fun of different scary movies, including the, Paranormal Activity movies.

In every minute of the film , the Wayans delivers several comical jokes along with the Rated R behavior.

In a “Haunted House” Kisha known as actress (Essence Atkins), who plays Marlon Wayans girlfriend in the movie.

In the movie, she recently moves into her boyfriend Malcolm, (known as actor Marlon

Wayans) house in California.

Everything is going great in their house until they realize strange things are occurring in their house.

It follows the same things that happend in Paranormal Activity.

In “A Haunted House” Kisha and Malcolm are aware of strange things happening in their house, but they try to ignore the problems.

At one point they both get really scared of the creepy happenings and wants to move out of their home.

Malcolm was the main person that wanted to move out, but instead he decides to give his cousin a call to take care of the problem.

Malcolm’s cousin in the

movie is also a actor and comedian named (Affion Crockett) named “Ray-Ray.” His character plays the role of a thug in “A Haunted House” and is ready to tackle the scary problems in his cousin’s house.

One of things that Ray-Ray says is “What happened to your furniture Cuz.”

When he says that the furniture comes down from the ceiling and knocks him out.

That scene was shown previously in the television commercials and in the television trailers of “A Haunted House.”

Actor and comedian (Cedric The Entertainer), is also in the movie.

He plays a priest who visits their house to exorcise the ‘demon’ or ‘ghost’ that has taken

control.

He says “Tick-Tac-Toe In your face” to Kisha. which showcases a comical view seen in the movie trailer and previews.

The overall movie features a lot of jokes, and comical scenes.

This is definitely a rated R movie because it involves a lot inappropriate scenes and language not meant for kids.

This movie is strictly for adults, but be careful when eating popcorn because there are some creepy scenes in the movie that might scare you. “A Haunted House” is now in theaters.

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Aromatherapy brings forth enlightenment

By Lauren Turner
Staff Reporter

When you are returning from a long day’s work, all you want to do is sit down and relax.

Sometimes you just want to light a candle or soak in the bathtub using your favorite scent.

However, have you ever wondered why you chose that scent, or why it is your favorite?

Aromatherapy is a way to help relieve stress when used with certain scents.

According to the National Association of Holistic Aromatherapy (NAHA), aromatherapy is defined as the art and science of utilizing naturally extracted aromatic essences from plants to balance, harmonize, and promote the health of body, mind and spirit.

When taking part in an aromatherapy session it helps to know what oils and plants are most likely used.

According to the NAHA, a few of the plants and oils that are used are peppermint oil to help treat headaches, eucalyptus

tus to help remedy coughs, and lavender to aid in relaxation.

“When I put a lavender aromatherapy candle behind my bed it helps me sleep a lot easier,” Sangah Lee, a junior French major at EIU said.

Massage Envy in Chicago Ill., is one of the many places that offer aromatherapy.

There you can choose from a variety of different oils to help with aches and pains and to help you sleep better, and for those of you who like the more exotic scents, ocean breeze, coconut and even cherry blossom are available.

Candles that smell like food are very calming for some people, because it reminds them of their favorite food or their childhood. There are some candles you can buy of your favorite unhealthy foods, to stop the cravings.

So sticking with your diet won’t be a problem and it will also help with relieve stress of everyday life.

“I like the scents that smell like vanilla, cookies and cakes. They remind me of home because my family cooks a lot of desserts and they are very



Photo Illustration: An arrangement of aromatherapy scents from candles to bath oil, bubble bath and shower gel.

Taken by Megan Johnson

calming,” Tesha Waters, a junior family consumer science major, at EIU said.

According to MensFitness.com, foods such as asparagus, blueberries, almonds, and milk are all stress reliever foods.

Sam Young, a junior education major stated, “A big stress reliever food for me is chocolate, it really calms me down.”

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Healthy living: eating options for the winter time

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In an environment where it gets easy to get distracted, especially when the climate changes.

Health Education Research Center, HERC, provides students with ways to stay fit and focused during winter months.

HERC nutrition education coordinator, Rachael Jannusch said that students are lucky to have such a vast variety of healthy food options in town and on campus to accompany them in living a nutritious lifestyle.

“The dining halls have some really great options as far as the healthy choice options,” Jannusch said. They usually have it marked as a healthy

choice so you don’t have to look really hard.”

On-the-go items are typically what students aim for, especially with busy schedules.

Therefore, she mentioned a few on-the-go foods that are available on campus.

“You can get fresh fruits from the dining hall or go to the store and buy a couple of pieces at a time. Look for in season fruits because they will be cheaper... a lot of people go for granola bars because they are easy to carry.”

Jannusch said that sometimes eating simple foods is the best way to stay fit, and students should start seeking out these healthy alternatives to develop strong eating habits.

“If we can develop healthy habits now we will be less like-

ly to develop chronic diseases such as obesity, type 2 diabetes, heart disease, and it can prevent cancer, too, so it is really important that we develop healthy eating habits now and maintain them throughout the rest of our adulthood.”

Furthermore, students may at times choose from comfort food to help cope with problems they may be having,

Those foods mainly consist of soups, grilled cheese, spaghetti, fast food, bread, and ice cream.

“During winter months we typically try to choose warmer foods and those can be higher in fat and not as healthy for us,” Jannusch said.

Many people do that, but why?

“We look for the comfort

foods because it’s darker outside we really want something that is comforting for us so we look for those types of food to choose from,”Jannusch said.

On campus, there are many alternatives to remaining fit and being healthy.

“We have a great rec center that has exercise classes and everything is free!” Jannusch said. “There’s a lot of resources on campus for students to be healthy and be the best they can it’s just a matter of students using those resources.”

“I have a free program here at that HERC where we meet for 30 minutes to discuss with students what a healthy lifestyle is, including alternative and options to nutritious meal servings,” Jannusch said.

Jannusch encourages stu-

dents to be more aware of the resources they have in stores that are around them and to be conscious of in-season fruits such as beets, carrots, grapefruit and mandarins.

Moreover, by using helpful tactics students can cut down on cost and can be full throughout the day.

“Even making your own trail mix would be a good way to stay healthy; using whole grain cereal and using nuts and raisins are good choices too, just try to keep those things in mind instead of turning to that canned soda or candy bar. Staying healthy will make a difference in the long run,” Jannusch. said.

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Cooking for Campus

Turkey Ball Dip

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Cost: \$10

Materials
1 medium bowl
1-box townhouse original crackers

1 thing of Philadelphia cream cheese
½ chopped green pepper
4 stalks of green onions
Roasted or smoked turkey lunchmeat (6-7 pieces)

Steps:

- 1) Clean vegetable
- 2) Place cream cheese in bowl
- 3) Chop up the ½ green pepper, 4 stalks of green

onions and 6-7 pieces of turkey

- 4) Place chopped green pepper, green onions and turkey in the bowl with the cream cheese
- 5) Mix and mash all ingredients until mixture has balanced out
- 6) Serve

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A black and white photograph showing a plate of turkey ball dip. The dip is a thick, chunky mixture of cream cheese, green pepper, green onions, and turkey. It is served with several round, ridged crackers. The plate is white, and the background is dark.

Photo of the turkey ball dip & crackers

Photo by Jasmine Randle